(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Defence expenditure

783. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATICHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the percentage of expenditure on defence compared to GDP during 1998-2002, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):The percentage of net expenditure on Defence compared to GDP at market prices during 1998-2000 is as follows:

1998-1999	2.29%
1999-2000	2.44%
2000-2001	2.38%
2001-2002	2.37%

GDP data used in this calculation for the years 1998-2000 has been taken from Economic Survey, 2001 -2002 and for 2001 -2002, it is based on the estimates of Ministry of Finance.

Proposal to repeal Article 371

†784. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to repeal Article 371 alongwith Article 370 of the Constitution, since Jammu and Kashmir has been granted special status under Article 370 similarly Nagaland has been granted such status under Article 370;

(b) the views of Government with regard to Article 371 since

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.